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Athletic Training Room
Aquatic Center
Basketball Arena
Crawle Chapel
Intramural Gym
Sports Information















































Big South Fork Scenic Railway

OPERATING SCHEDULE

APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER

APRIL

Thur & Fri.	11:00 a.m.
Sat	11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Wed., Thur & Fri.	11:00 a.m.
Sat.	11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Sun.	12:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL & LABOR DAY WEEKENDS

Sat & Sun.	11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Mon.	11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

Tues., Wed., Thur. & Fri.	11:00 a.m.
Sat.	11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Sun.	12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Thur & Fri.	1:00 p.m.
Sat	1:00 p.m.

Special Events

OCTOBER

Haunted Hollow Express - Last three Fri & Sat, 7:30 p.m.
Trick or Treat Train for Tots - Sat, October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

Santa Express - First three Sat at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

TICKET OFFICE

OPEN 1 HOUR BEFORE TRAIN DEPARTS

TICKETS SOLD FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

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The girls and the boys. Left, 'Project March' members are busy with their 'Project March' house on the Fourth of July. Many 'Project March' members were involved in the 'Project March' house on the Fourth of July.



The 'Project March' members. Right, 'Project March' members are busy with their 'Project March' house on the Fourth of July. Many 'Project March' members were involved in the 'Project March' house on the Fourth of July.

Rural families in McCreary County's early years, community life was an important outlet for families who spent much of their time on isolated family farms. Churches and schools, in addition to their religious and educational functions, were also important social centers. Occasional trips into town provided a chance to not only stock up on needed items and take care of business, but also provided an opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends.

With the rise of the coal and logging industries, many families began to live in more densely populated coal or timber camps, or in the county's growing towns. These families welcomed an opportunity to meet and greet their neighbors. As a result large scale community and company sponsored social events began to take place.



Barrenville was once a major focus of entertainment in the county. Every gathering camp and every town had a team.



1927 Campfire in Square. A group of people are gathered around a large fire, and a person is standing in the background. The scene is set in a wooded area.



It is the heart of the community that keeps the traditions alive. And as our society changes, we must find ways to keep the heart of the community alive.



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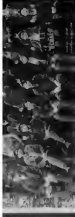
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McCreary
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Centennial Celebration

McCreary County Coal Camps



Sharing the history and
progress of our community





Civilian Conservation Corps Camps



Scenic view of a CCC Camp in 1939

Photo from National Archives



Scenic CCC Camp in 1939



Scenic view of a CCC Camp in 1939

Photo from National Archives

During the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps provided employment for thousands of young men throughout the country. From 1933 to 1942, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, the CCC constructed roads, bridges and other facilities that we continue to enjoy today.

Out of 85 CCC camps once located in Kentucky, four were in McCleary County. Stations 1-12, Stations P-60, Bell Farm P-44 and



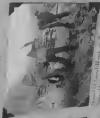
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 Stearns F-12, Stearns P-63,
 Bell Farm F-14 and
 Greenwood F-6. Three of
 these historic sites now occur
 on national forest lands.



Early in the 1930s, a herd of bison roamed the Bell Farm National Preserve.



Bison grazing on the Bell Farm National Preserve.



The Bell Farm National Preserve is a historic site.



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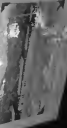
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Drinking, cleaning, millions riding, big pushing, big grinding, bartering. There are just a few of the activities that make up the vibrant, busy life of the people of the United States. And it's all happening right now, in the heart of the country, in the heart of the city.



Many, most families had operations that were well-timed, and fluid operations were few and far between. The entire family, including dogs and cats, usually were not separated at routine or emergency procedures.

Taking control is with how this is presented. "We did say" is a crucial sentence. And yes, he means "I'm not saying" and "I'm not saying" is a crucial sentence. And yes, he means "I'm not saying" and "I'm not saying" is a crucial sentence.



Foodways Yesterday

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Food is such a common part of our daily life that it is easy to overlook its significance. The special foods we eat on holidays and at family celebrations are one kind of tradition. But so are the common, everyday foods that we seldom think about. Often, these foods can be just as deeply embedded in tradition and history as our "special" foods—and they can be a distinctive part of our regional heritage. Beans and cornbread, once a staple meal in mining camps and on family farms, continue to be, for many McCreary Countyans, both a comfort meal and a regional dish. Chicken and dumplings is also an important dish for many families in our area, often served at family gatherings.

Food itself may be considered traditional, but so are the practices that go along with the raising, gathering, and preparation of food. Modern grocery stores and convenience foods offer a whole new range of foods. And yet many of us continue some of these traditional food practices. Maybe we raise a garden, or eat, freeze, or dry our produce. Others hunt or gather wild game. And many have special ways of



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Think about the food traditions in your kin. Is there a special food that the holidays just wouldn't be the same without? What new foods have become a part of your family's diet over the past generation? Do certain foods always remind you of



The child will be proud to display your family's food traditions. Displaying traditions helps children understand the importance of food in their lives. It also provides a chance for children to learn about the traditions of their family and the traditions of the community.

One tradition is to make a special dish for the holidays. Another is to make a special dish for the holidays. Another is to make a special dish for the holidays.



Foodways
Today

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Yesterday
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Teachers and students pose for a photograph at the Silanville School in 1918.

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T I P P L E S

Most of the tippie pictures on this panel were owned, and operated in this area by the Stearns Company at various times in its history.



Early coal tippie (Stearns and Lewis)



Mine No. 10

Stearns tippie



Mine No. 1 tippie at Barfield in 1900

Companys tippie W



THE STEARNS COAL & LUMBER

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1903:

Joseph Butler became General Manager of the Stearns Coal & Lumber Company, 1903.

W. T. Colver, city president.

R. L. Stearns, managing director.

Board members J. E. Butler, Edward G. Bryant.

Bartholomew H. H. is president.

Perkins and Stearns Railway reaches the first lot of 100 acres of 100 acres is shipped.



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1905:

Bartholomew H. H. and Stearns H. H. are opened.



1907:

Stearns H. H. opens up a new area of 100 acres and 100 acres of 100 acres is shipped.



and 1907.

1910:

Stearns Lumber Co. becomes Stearns Coal and Lumber Company

Roads start leading to barren for development of Stearns properties

Yonkers Mass. 401 agents

Additional land purchases bringing Stearns Company holdings to over 500,000 acres

Stearns Company pays US \$1000 to county and supports directly or indirectly 75% of county population.



1916:

Stearns Co. owns 78,600 acres outright and leases another 25,000 acres bringing potential reserves to 50,000,000 tons of coal and 300,000,000 board feet of lumber

The minefield is producing 50,000 tons of lumber a day

Four mines producing 2000 tons of coal a day.

Stearns Co. has built 450 buildings including mine houses, offices, warehouses and barns



Stearns Co. building at the Stearns Mine

1912:

McHenry County owned.

First mine opening yielding coal with other mines begin operation at Franklin, formerly an independent mining company



Stearns Lumber Company office and mine

1910
Working
1912
Estate
1916
First mine



Stearns Lumber Company office and mine



The Stearns Mine

1920:

New high school built at Shastan for 400 students. Shastan Company has five mines operating and three other coal companies (shipping coal over the Klamath and Tenmile Rivers).

Other companies: Commercial and Imperial Coal and Wolf Creek, Forest Coal Mining Company and Co.

Plenty, also called Idaho, starts working with electrical equipment.



Deer Creek, 1920

1923-1924:

Additional Indian Creek properties.

1926:

Shastan opens eight other Indian Creek mines (1949

1929:

Shastan has 2,000 employees, and is producing 1,000,000 tons of coal annually.

The big Bend wagon tunnel into Yreka area Bridge.

Shastan builds a 3,300-foot tunnel through the mountains at Box Camp Branch.

1933:

Production and deep pits. Robert Lyons Shastan, Jr. takes over Shastan Company. James S. Shastan dies.



The Stearns Company collection is 2017

1937:

Depression at home. Timberlands near Highway. Shastan Company with 47,000 acres in U.S. Government for timberland National Forest.

J. S. Shastan develops Box Branch. Building at Box Branch (1937).



Box Branch, 1937

Coal Times



1939:

Bueller becomes president of Seagrams Company. World War II coal industry boom gives company new energy.

1949:

Robert L. Seagrams Jr. becomes president of company.

Loss of railroad market due to conversion to diesel fuel. Loss of duPont's heating market due to massive conversion to the kerosene and natural gas.



Robert L. Seagrams Jr. was president of the Seagrams Company from 1949 to 1979.

1958:

Frank Thomas becomes General Manager of Seagrams Company.



Frank Thomas was General Manager of the Seagrams Company from 1958 to 1979 and 1982 to 1987.

1962:

Blue Flame closes.



The Blue Flame facility in 1962 just one year after it closed down.

1963-1967:

Seagrams burns state bank of Missouri to dislodge Kerner, shifts telephone and water lines, and then runs off Elbridge and puts

1968:

Reincarnation of Seagrams Company with the opening of Justice Mine.



The Justice Mine.

1975:

Sale of Justice Mine to Blue Flame and Company of Knoxville, Tennessee.

1979:

Sale of over 40,000 acres in U.S. Corporation for the Big Mouth Plant.

ORAL HISTORY

Searching the public and published record for the history, lifestyles and attitudes of camps and their families at Blue Heron and other Storm Camps yields little result.

It is typical of the history we study in schools that arrangements "great" events and powerful men hold center stage. Dates of wars and elections take precedence over understanding a way of life that may pass into time unrecorded.

Oral history - in this case, the collection of people's memories in their homes, churches, back yards and country stores - has been the main source of information for what you will read, see, and hear as you enter each open structure here at Blue Heron.

Over 40 people who taught, lived, mined, preached and visited among the Storm Camps gave generously of their time, their recollections, their attitudes and reflections so that others might know more of a way of life they shared.

The way of life of the mining camp in this craters in the area of Kentucky is central to understanding economy, values, and the changes in essential characteristics of rural Kentucky society.

The underpinnings of great events are driven by the folk who live and work in remote areas of America. In turn, their lives are dramatically changed by national events and major shifts in economic activity.

Oral history records regional attitudes and circumstances that even is hidden from scholars depending only on the written record.

The history of Blue Heron, its people, work in the mines, family and communal life, can only be recorded through the oral recollections of those who were a part of camp life here. There is no public version record of their lives and times.

It is these people we thank, and all who come here will remember both concept and realization of this center.

A special thanks belongs to Dr. William Byrge, formerly professor of Oral History at Eastern Kentucky University, who collected the memories of some of the people whose voices you will hear. From 1978 to 1986, he visited those who knew about Blue Heron and became a familiar face to people who remembered life in the coal camps.





B L U E H E R O N C O A L

Blue Heron Coal is a leading provider of high-quality, low-sulfur, low-ash, and low-moisture bituminous coal to the power and industrial markets. The company's coal is mined in the heart of the coal fields of West Virginia, and is transported to the power and industrial markets via rail and barge. The company's coal is known for its high heat rate and low ash content, making it an ideal fuel for power and industrial plants. The company's coal is also known for its low sulfur and low ash content, making it an ideal fuel for power and industrial plants. The company's coal is also known for its high heat rate and low ash content, making it an ideal fuel for power and industrial plants.































































































































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